



### CHILDREN AND YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

**TOTAL: \$4 billion over 5 years**, including one-time federal and general fund and ongoing federal matching funds.

Proposal	Amount	Details
<b>School-Linked Behavioral Health Services</b>	\$950 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Incentive payments to LEAs, counties, health plans, community based providers and Medi-Cal managed care plans to provide services on or near school campuses</li> <li>- Expand access to behavioral health school counselors and coaches</li> <li>- Administrative costs including project management, facilities, training and technical assistance</li> <li>- Adoption of telehealth and data sharing systems</li> <li>- Flexible funding to address student needs identified by teachers and staff</li> <li>- Establishes a fee schedule for school mental health providers and requires health plans to pay for services.</li> </ul>
<b>Behavioral Health Virtual Platform</b>	\$680 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establish a virtual platform targeted at ages 0 to 26 that offers Tier 1 and Tier 2 services, with some Tier 3 services and streamlined referrals to health plans for more intensive services.</li> <li>- Services provided primarily virtually, regardless of insurance or health plan. Includes links to other social services like housing and food assistance.</li> </ul>
<b>Enhance Medi-Cal Benefits</b>	\$800 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Creates two new Medi-Cal benefits including ACEs and Dyadic benefits</li> <li>- \$200 million per year over 4 years, 50% from federal matching funds</li> </ul>
<b>School Behavioral Health Workforce Capacity</b>	\$430 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create a school behavioral health counselor system by producing up to 10,000 culturally and linguistically proficient counselors and coaches to serve K-12 and college age youth.</li> <li>- Funds would provide for tuition, training, mentorship, and a two year stipend. Would include both licensed and credentialed (PPS) behavioral health professionals.</li> <li>- Would be created in coordination with education stakeholders.</li> </ul>
<b>Behavioral Health Workforce Capacity</b>	\$430 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Build out other aspects of the behavioral health workforce serving youth by creating a new certificate for youth substance use counselors, educating and training up to 7,500 psychiatric nurses, creating apprenticeship models, youth peer support specialists, and providing specialized training to justice system involved youth.</li> </ul>
<b>Public Education Campaign</b>	\$125 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create a culturally and linguistically proficient public education campaign that seeks to raise behavioral health awareness and acceptance, educate on prevention and recognizing signs early, and create youth-led behavioral health engagement and education efforts using social media and apps.</li> </ul>

The education budget eliminates the January proposal to create a Prop 98 behavioral health match (\$25 million) but maintains and increases the commitment to a second round of MHSSA funding (\$30 million). It also maintains the commitment to MTSS (\$50 million), establishing a Medi-Cal Billing system of support lead and PLNs (\$5 million), and increases the investment in community schools from \$100 million to \$2.95 billion over 5 years.